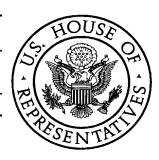
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Honda Named Vice Chair of Asian Pacific American Caucus

Washington, DC— U.S. Congressman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) today announced that he will serve as Vice Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), a group comprised of Members of Congress dedicated to promoting Asian Pacific American issues and advocating the concerns of the Asian Pacific American community in the United States.

"Throughout his career, Mike Honda has been a strong advocate for the Asian Pacific American community and a champion for the cause of social justice and fairness," said incoming CAPAC chair Rep. David Wu (D-OR). "We welcome his leadership and his experience to the Asian Pacific American Caucus."

"I am honored to serve on the Caucus that is the focal point of Asian Pacific American advocacy in the United States Congress," said Honda. "I look forward to working with David Wu and the rest of the membership to make sure that the Caucus continues to be strong voice for fairness in the face of renewed racial stigmas stemming from recent campaign finance scandals, hate crimes and other important pressing civil rights issues confronting the APA community."